

RECOGNIZING CHIEF M.E. "GENE" WALDROP ON 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop on 50 years of service in law enforcement. He has enjoyed a distinguished career, and we are grateful for his dedicated service to defend the safety of our great state for more than half a century.

As a native of Greenville, Mississippi, Chief Waldrop graduated from Greenville High School and later served as Staff Sergeant in the Mississippi National Guard. After being honorably discharged, Waldrop began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer. Chief Waldrop served 20 years for the Greenville Mississippi Police Department and retired in 1991 as Chief of Police. With Chief Waldrop's oversight and encouragement, the City of Greenville coordinated with local agencies to develop efficient disaster response plans that heightened the region's security.

After retiring, Chief Waldrop was appointed as Chief of Police in the City of Madison, Mississippi, holding to his commitment to public service. In this role, he continued his steadfast dedication to keeping the great state of Mississippi safe by establishing advanced emergency response plans. Under his courageous leadership, the City of Madison has been rated the Safest City in Mississippi by several crime prevention organizations.

Chief Waldrop is also a dedicated community servant. He helped to establish the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Firefighters' Memorial Burn Center Association. There, he served as the Vice-President of the Board of Directors, one of his many achievements that earned Chief Waldrop the Jim Ingram Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

I commend all that Chief Waldrop has done to valiantly protect the lives of Mississippians, and I thank him for his contributions towards bettering our state's law enforcement. I extend my very best wishes to him and look forward to working with him in the future to make our state an even better place to live, worship, and raise a family.

ADDISON KEGERREIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Addison Kegerreis for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Addison Kegerreis is a student at Wayne Carle MS and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Addison Kegerreis is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their edu-

cation and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Addison Kegerreis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER GENERAL RODERICK R. LEON GUERRERO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant, Brigadier General Roderick R. Leon Guerrero and congratulate him on his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) after 34 years of service to our island and nation.

Launching his military career in 1985, Brigadier General Leon Guerrero enlisted as a Private First Class. Determined to advance both his education and position in the ranks, he then entered the Army ROTC program at the University of Guam and was commissioned as a second lieutenant three years later. After earning his bachelor's degree in Political Science, he sought continued growth in knowledge and experience—paving a path from Combat Medic to Specialist, Cadet, and onto numerous assignments as a commissioned officer. His lasting contributions were catalyzed through his roles as an Intelligence Officer, Executive Officer for a Headquarters Company, Military Police Company Commander, Personnel Officer, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Recruiting and Retention Manager, Deputy G3 Officer, Plans, Operations, and Military Support Officer, Civil Support Team Commander, J3 Officer, and J1 Officer. Moreover, he maintains an impressive military education bolstered by a Security Managers Course at the National Defense Institution, Military Police Officer Basic Course, Adjutant General Officers Advanced Course, Combined Arms Staff Service Course, Command and General Staff Course, and Embedded Military Transition Training Course in addition to numerous other trainings and the completion of programs hosted by Harvard University and the Army Strategic Education.

After earning his master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Brigadier General Leon Guerrero emerged as a pillar of leadership for our community with unwavering resolution. In addition to supporting Operation Enduring Freedom as part of the first Embedded Training Team from the GUARNG to Afghanistan, he embodied excellence in service as Chief of Joint Staff for the Guam National Guard (GUNG). As a Director of Military Affairs and Personnel, he further utilized his extensive experience, valuable specialties, and incomparable integrity to develop our National Guard into a world-class organization. By 2015, he was selected to serve as the Adjutant General of the GUNG, where he advised the Governor of Guam on military affairs. In this capacity, he was also responsible for ensuring more than 1,500 Guardsmen were ac-

cessible, capable, and ready to deploy on island in response to emergencies and provide combat ready servicemembers to the U.S. Army and Air Force.

With a long list of recognitions that include a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Army Commendation, Army, Airforce, and Army Reserve Components Achievement, and Afghanistan Campaign Medals, National Defense, Global War on Terrorism, and Humanitarian Service Medals, Army Service, Overseas Service, and NATO Ribbons, and Combat Action and Parachutist Badges, Brigadier General Leon Guerrero's countless decorations only illustrate a glimpse of his outstanding character and selflessness. His induction into the prestigious Cadet Command Hall of Fame in Fort Knox, Kentucky further demonstrates his distinguished background in both military and civilian pursuits and manifold contributions to the nation, the Army, and the history and traditions of the Army ROTC program.

Throughout his career, Brigadier General Roderick R. Leon Guerrero has never failed to lead by example. Strengthened by his wife, Mary, his sons Jared and Broderick, and his daughter Crystal, he cultivated a fine career rooted in collaboration, problem solving, and results. He served with an astounding commitment to self, others, nation, and the American Dream, and continues to inspire many members of our community with his legacy of integrity and respect for others in all endeavors. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation for Brigadier General Leon Guerrero's commitment to our country. I sincerely thank him for his many years of service and sacrifice, congratulate him on his well-earned retirement, and wish him the best during the next chapter of his life.

IN HONOR OF PETE J. STILIANESSIS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pete J. Stilianessis in celebration of his decades of work as a father, police officer and leader in the law enforcement community. I am proud to have such a committed and hardworking individual here in the great State of New Jersey. A native son of Passaic County, Pete Stilianessis dedicated his life to the safety and security of our neighborhood. I wish him well as he retires from the New Jersey State Troopers Non-Commissioned Officers Association.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey to Jerry and Maryellen Stilianessis, Pete's story is one that begins with a love for public service. The son of a former marine, his mother's active duty in the United States Marine Corps would motivate Pete to do the same. Traveling the world as a machine gunner, Pete displayed his action-oriented personality. Most notably, he would answer the call to serve in the Gulf War and contribute his efforts in Iraq. A "Task Force Ripper" during Operation Desert Storm, Pete served as squad leader during ground combat operations liberating Kuwait City on February 27, 1991. Awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Kuwait Liberation Medal and two